(d) Due to technical and operational constraints, it is not feasible at present to commence full-fledged international operations through Bangalore airport. However, national carriers are permitted to operate limited international services from any airport, including Bangalore.

Proposal for Development of Sea Beaches in the Country

372. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to beautify the sea beaches in the country in order to attract a large number of tourist;

(b) whether Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount spent on such work during last three years in Orissa and other coastal States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories have identified the coastal areas of Sindhudurg Distt. in Maharashtra, Bekal beach in Kelala, Muttukadu-Mamal'apuram in Tamil Nadu, Puri-Konark in Orissa and Diu in Union Territory of Daman & Diu for integrated development of tourism. During the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 544.74 lakhs have been sanctioned on the development of sea beaches in the country.

Privatisation of Airports

373. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise some airports in the country;

(b) if so, the Airports identified therefor;

(c) the time schedule fixed for the privatisation of those Airports; and

(d) the situation that led to the privatisation of those Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial group was constituted to identify the areas in development of airports which can be dereserved for public participation. The group has submitted its report. The Government will take a decision on the report in due course.

Setting up of New Airports in Joint Sector

374. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Airports in the country in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the number of Airports proposed to be set up in the country in the joint sector during the Eighth and Ninth plan period; and

(c) the places identified for the location of these Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Non-Adherence of Guidelines by Air Taxi Operators

375. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines given to the private Air Taxi operators by the Director General Civil Aviation;